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THE COVER

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The Editorial Outlook

TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH

THESE latter years those most concerned with the rural church have been meeting annually to inspire and educate one another, to exchange experience, to make recommendations. Out of this continuing process come certain generalizations and reflections.

The church in town and country is still mightily affected by shifting populations. One of the more important of the national trends is the rapid growth of the rural non-farm population. There are now more people in rural communities who are not engaged in agriculture than those who live on farms. The national population trend also sends many young people from country church to city church. Country churches have also distinguished themselves as "seed-beds" from which ministers and missionaries come. The professional leadership of the churches tends to move from the small rural places to the larger centers.

This situation places upon the small rural church a unique responsibility. Its young people must both think about prospects for living in the country or in the city, and choose between them. It has been said that it would be good if the country church could help to interpret both city life and country life to its people.

There are still too many small rural churches for the people available. Country churches are poorly distributed. Thus for forty years "adjustments" have been urged. They are sometimes achieved when there is a will and when local cooperation can be matched by state and national cooperation among the religious bodies affected.

Rural ministers in large numbers go to refresher courses. They feel the need, as do city

pastors, of knowing how to work with numerous agencies. They are close to the need for medical care as the country doctor moves away, and hospitals are often far distant. These ministers work in places where social life is on a personal basis, and where the willing work of lay people is urgently needed. There are now many rural churches in which lay people are doing the preaching.

In a sense, there is a "country church movement" in the United States, without headquarters or budget. It is one of the most real things in the churches because its manifestations are spiritual. It is fed and nurtured by the sacrifices of unsung ministers and their wives and of equally unsung and devoted lay people. It goes on and on because men and women, clergy and laity, are relating the Christian religion to human need. It is a force that sustains the visible institutions that work to improve the rural church situation.

Cooperative processes are still often conspicuous by their absence. The interdependence of city church and country church is still not generally comprehended. To the 1949 Convocation on the Church in Town and Country a city minister came on his own initiative and at his own expense because of his interest in the rural church and "the practical program" (as he described it). Possibly this man is the forerunner of others who will see that just as the country church should do something to interpret both country life and city life to rural youth, so the city church can note its debt to the country church for the numbers of members sent—and both can contribute as never before to each other.

The need for strengthening the rural church services of state councils of churches is so frequently remarked in convocations that this recommendation should be emphasized here.

THE CHURCHES AND YOUTH IN UNIFORM

Of the youth of America more than 1,600,000 are serving in the armed forces of the nation. Nearly 60 percent of them are not old enough to vote, 80 percent are under twenty-five. Many of them are far from home—in Germany, Japan, Guam, and elsewhere. A Church which is concerned for youth must find the way of reaching this host of men in uniform.

These men are not the "professional" soldiers whom we knew ten years ago. They are essentially civilians, in uniform for perhaps two years and then returning to their home towns. Last year 480,000 men moved back into normal community life after completing their service in the armed forces. The attitudes and habits which they bring back affect both their own future lives and the character of the community.

The most direct contact of the Church with this large segment of American youth is the chaplain. As of November 1, there were 1,678 clergymen serving as chaplains among the men in the armed forces. 238 others were full-time chaplains in veterans' hospitals, and 220 were serving on a part-time basis. As personal counsellor on moral and religious problems, as leader of public worship, as director of religious education and activities, the chaplain plays a unique role in keeping men in uniform related to the life of the Church.

These youngsters have a great deal of free time. Usually they are not on duty evenings. On weekends they are free from Friday night to Monday morning. With so much time on their hands, the question of their recreation becomes highly important. In what kind of an atmosphere are they to have their social fellowship and fun? To this question, fortunately, the USO club is a gratifying answer. Here they may meet good companions, relax, play, read, write letters home, do the kind of normal things which our young people at home do. The USO is "the difference between some place to go and no place to go"—and that is an immensely important fact.

The churches of the Federal Council look especially to the YMCA and the YWCA as their representatives in this program and are grateful for their indispensable service.

GOD'S WILL AND OUR DAILY BREAD

A SEQUENCE in the Lord's Prayer is worth noting. The prayer that God's will "may be done on earth, as it is in Heaven" is followed immediately by a petition that concerns "our daily bread." Commitment to God's will includes what is done about the material needs and services which are bought and sold in communities, within the nation, and across frontiers.

The faith that is within the individual Christian must be related to the problems and opportunities for Christian service and leadership which he meets in the office and shop, in the store and on the farm. The importance of this does not stop with the fact that life itself does have its material basis. It is likewise intertwined with the character-forming aspects of life. The social attitudes which people carry into their weekday dealings with their fellowmen may be strongly affected by the place which they occupy in economic life. The community needs the contribution of church people who are open to the "other" point of view and to the common interest of which theirs is only one part.

But a mind unusually free from the provincialisms of economic life is not thereby necessarily an informed mind. There is danger in rushing into doing something with too little thought or with too simple a view of what action follows upon Christian principles. To be sure life will not wait until Christians have the last fact to be found; at times men must act, drawing upon the best resources they have at hand. But that necessity will come better from those who have first put their minds to work. The churches can go far in equipping their members to apply Christian principles to everyday situations.

The mission and opportunity of church people in a time of social and economic tensions is not merely to be against unChristian aspects of social movements, but to be outgoingly positive in promoting more just conditions and more brotherly relations in economic life.

Church and Economic Life Week, January 15-21, calls for an emphasis by the churches on what Christians can do in relation to what needs to be done in their communities.

A Christmas Directive

IN the approach to another Christmas season there is again much concern to direct the thought of people to Christmas. Much of this urgency is, of course, in the interest of capitalizing most fully the sales opportunities of this season. There are, however, also spiritual urges. Christmas is more than an observance; it is a holy, soul-stirring reminder. It reminds us of the gift of God's love—the gift of his only begotten Son. In its essential and abiding character and meaning Christmas has its origin in God.

In the approach to Christmas the primary directive is to God, and not to things or festivities. Christmas reminds us of the unique incoming of God into human life and relationships. The Old Testament prophets found great hope and assurance in the fact that God is in history. They studied historical movements with great interest hoping to trace out the ways of God. In the New Testament God is revealed not only in history but in the process of living. He comes to men and shares the life of men. His coming brings comfort, comradeship and help to all who will accept Him.

The incarnation of God in Christ Jesus, the God-man, enriches all of life. There is no one who needs to be intimidated and defeated through sin. God in Christ forgives sin and frees men from its dominion and power. There is no one who needs to live alone; God has come to share his companionship with men. There is no one who needs to bear his own burdens without the strength of God; life has new meaning through the incarnation. It has new hope and assurance. This is what we need to find in our Christmas observance. There are many lonely, burdened, discouraged and hopeless people in this world. They need to find the Christmas joy and strength. They need to find God in Christ.

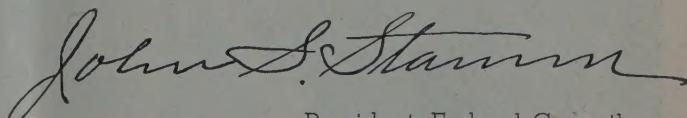
This directive also turns the thought to men. God's interest in man, as revealed in the incarnation, awakens interest in others. Self-interest and selfishness are wholly out of harmony with the Christmas spirit. Instinctively, at Christmas time, our thoughts go out to others. It is only natural that this

interest includes, first of all, others in the family and friendship circles. It often reaches the larger circle of business associates, but it should not stop with these more intimate contacts. God gave his Son for all men, therefore Christmas is for all. We should enlarge our area of interest and concern.

There are many who are lonely and need companionship. There are many who are strangers and need a word of welcome. There are many who are suffering and discouraged and need cheer and helpful service. In every community there are those who seem to be forgotten and neglected. Here we have an opportunity to express the Christmas spirit.

This has very great meaning at this Christmas time. The war, and the aftermath of war, have left a blighting effect upon multitudes. There are the displaced persons, the refugees, the millions who have been forced to find new homes, and the millions who are hungry, sick, homeless, and hopeless. Our world presents a pathetic picture of people who have been exploited. Shall there be Christmas joy for them? Who will help lift the horizons that they might see a ray of hope? Who will care for those who lack needed care? As we share the joys, festivities and enriching blessings of Christmas may we think of others. Through our sharing of good will, friendship, love and material goods may others find the deeper meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is coming. Let us prepare for its coming. Not merely in terms of the exchange of greetings and the giving of gifts, but in terms of the preparation of heart and mind. Let this be a holy Christmas. Let us share in the gift of Christ, who has come for salvation, and not merely in the season's activities and festivities. Christmas means that God has come to man. May we all come to Christ, the Savior.



President, Federal Council
of the Churches of Christ in America.

CROP 'Friendship Trains' Again Rolling

PART OF ANOTHER HARVEST WILL HELP FEED WORLD'S NEEDY



THERE is good news for thousands of people in many other lands who did not have enough to eat today.

America is completing another beautiful harvest and part of it is being collected for shipment to Europe and the Orient and many other parts of the world.

CROP "friendship trains" are moving from town to town in rural America in a systematic, state by state, and county by county, collection of food—a practical expression of Christian brotherhood.

The bulk of it is wheat, and corn and beans but also there are gifts of cash which will buy other exportable products.

CROP is a harvest season program and reaches its climax between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thirty-five hundred carloads are being collected.

Now in its third harvest it is acknowledged to be the largest relief collection program in America.

Its sponsors are Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Rural Life. Local churches, farms and civic organizations cooperate in a systematic collection of foodstuffs in every state in the union.

CROP is an effective demonstration of the power of cooperation among church and farm and civic organizations," says Clifford E. Dahl, representative of Lutheran World Relief on CROP's national cabinet.

"CROP is a church program, a rural and civic program. When all members of these various organizations contribute their time and talent, the desperately needy overseas benefit from life-sustaining nutrition. Ultimately they and we benefit personally in the practical expression of Christian brotherhood.

"CROP organization itself illustrates cooperation. The individual state campaigns are conducted by a state CROP committee on which many church, farm and civic groups are represented. It is through this group that a county by county organization is developed. This teamwork has ma-

possible the building of CROP into the largest relief collection program in existence."

It does not duplicate any other relief program. It ministers to the individual—the aged and ill, the orphan and the destitute. By contrast the European Recovery Plan is designed to rehabilitate the economy of friendly nations.

CROP stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program. The idea of soliciting bulk farm products from rural people for the hungry of other lands came from a churchman, M. R. Zigler. In the summer of 1947 he was executive secretary of the Brethren Service Commission of the Church of the Brethren. Now he is the Brethren's representative to the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland.

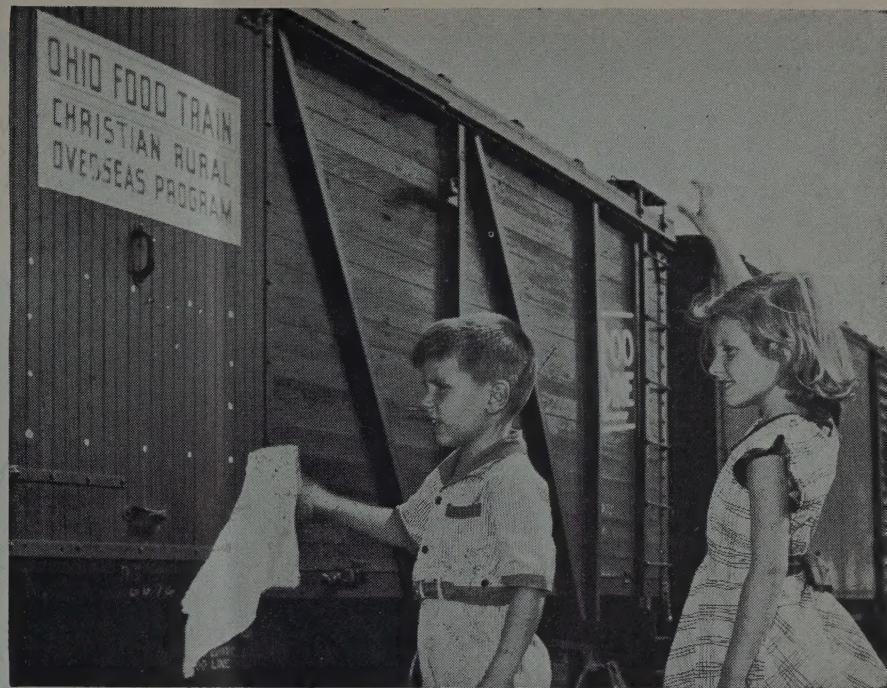
The original sponsors were Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief. A year later Catholic Rural Life became a co-sponsor to assure the first coordinated relief program of Roman Catholic, Protestant and other churches. The three parent agencies are represented on the national cabinet. In addition to Mr. Dahlin are John D. Metzler of Church World Service and Ray F. Murray of Catholic Rural Life. The headquarters is in Chicago.

THE FIRST big CROP shipment was the Abraham Lincoln Friendship train. It started to roll on Lincoln's Birthday in 1948 and wound up in four sections and 283 cars filled with farm produce.

Then a state by state movement developed to share Christmas with the needy overseas through CROP. Twenty-six states quickly joined in planning Christmas trains. Then it was discovered that most of the states would fill more than one train. Soon the program had become completely nationwide, and governors, newspapers and radio stations joined with church, farm and civic organizations in organizing friendship trains. By December 3, when it was decided not to wait until Christmas but to begin immediately to move the gifts of foodstuffs to seaports, 1,500,000 persons through the work of 100,000 volunteer canvassers had made contributions to the needy.

The campaign in 1948 alone yielded 75,668,581 pounds of farm commodities. It meant 2,392 freight-car loads

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(Above) From a mid-western city "friendship train" speeds grain toward seaport; (inset) Boxes of food loaded in ship; (below) European family joyfully inspects contribution of flour that means bread for many a day.



The South's Religious Radio Center

DEDICATION IS ANOTHER STEP IN COOPERATIVE WORK OF CHURCHES



Auditorium of Radio Center at Agnes Scott College (above) and group of visitors on opening day inspecting studio equipment. The large auditorium is equipped with a wide variety of musical instruments for broadcasts.

A well-equipped building on the campus of Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Georgia, now houses the only interdenominationally-owned radio production center in the country.

The formal opening of the Protestant Radio Center, in the Atlanta suburb, signalizing another step in the growth of cooperative Christianity in the South, was held on October 30. The center is sponsored by the Southern Religious Radio Conference. It is operated by a non-profit corporation owned by four major denominations, four interdenominational agencies and three Southern colleges.

The major job of the Center will be to produce "live" programs for an independent network that has grown in three years from 26 stations to 99. The Center will experiment with television and audio-visual aids, set up workshops to improve the quality of

local broadcasts throughout the South and Southwest, and organize a department of religious music.

Supporting the Center's work are the Presbyterian Church, U. S., the Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church, Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University, and the Southeastern Inter-Council Office. The latter includes the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Stewardship Council.

FORTUNATELY, the center is nicely geared to handle all phases of an ambitious program. It is housed in Presser Hall, the music building of Agnes Scott College, fully equipped with pipe organs, pianos and other musical instruments—all in sound

roof studios. The Center itself has two Presto recorders, a Gates console, microphones, portable amplifiers, and other necessary paraphernalia. A Ranger tone tape recorder will enable the Center to make on-the-spot recordings of church choirs and college choruses.

One of the unique features of this cooperative venture in radio is that each participating denomination and group makes its own "hour" program. These programs are aired over 99 radio stations each week at 8:30 E.S.T. Since they are regarded as a public service, none of the groups pays for radio time.

Fifty of the stations will receive the programs "live," while the other forty-nine will use transcriptions.

Dr. FORREST CLEBURNE WEIR, executive secretary of the Southeastern Inter-Council Office, said the potential listening audience in the area covered by the weekly programs exceeds 60,000,000. He estimated that between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 actually listen.

A Hooper rating made in Texas this summer showed that the Southern Radio Conference program was second in popularity among all Sunday morning programs.

The center has completed an album of three records of the Emory Glee Club. The series will be placed on the market by Emory University, one of the Center's sponsors.

In addition, the center is planning to make another album record of evangelistic programs in Portuguese for use in mission work, and two albums for the Methodist Church for teaching "Our Faith," the theme of the Methodists' four-year program of advance for Christ and His Church.

Other projects on the center's agenda are a series of 26 transcriptions of the famous "Music of the South" to be made by "The Upper Room," Nashville, Tenn. When funds are secured, transcriptions will be made available to the 130 stations which carried programs of the radio department of the Southeastern Inter-Council Office.

The Southern Religious Radio Conference itself is unique. It was organized in 1945 to make a united approach to the radio industry and end the competition of denominations for time on the air.

The Center, Dr. Weir reports, grew



Dr. John M. Alexander (right) presents Mr. Boisfeuillet Jones, dean of administration of Emory University, with a copy of the first complete album of recordings from the studio (selections by Emory Glee Club) while Dr. H. B. Trimble, Chairman of the board of directors of the Protestant Center, looks on.

out of the radio department of the Inter-Council Office and the first founding donor share of \$1,000 was taken by the Federal Council. Founding donors contributed \$15,000 and an

anonymous gift of \$10,000 completed a fund of \$25,000 to purchase equipment.

The three colleges will use the center for teaching and production purposes.

Decline in Superstition About Leprosy is Noted

Dr. Emory Ross, president of the American Mission to Lepers, speaking at the 42nd annual convention, noted five encouraging trends in the effort of Christian missionaries to control and treat leprosy:

1. Willingness on the part of government to undertake leprosy programs in various "critical" world areas;
2. Gradual decline of superstition and social stigma associated with leprosy;
3. Increased full-time support of medical missionaries and other personnel by the American Mission to Lepers;
4. Development of large building

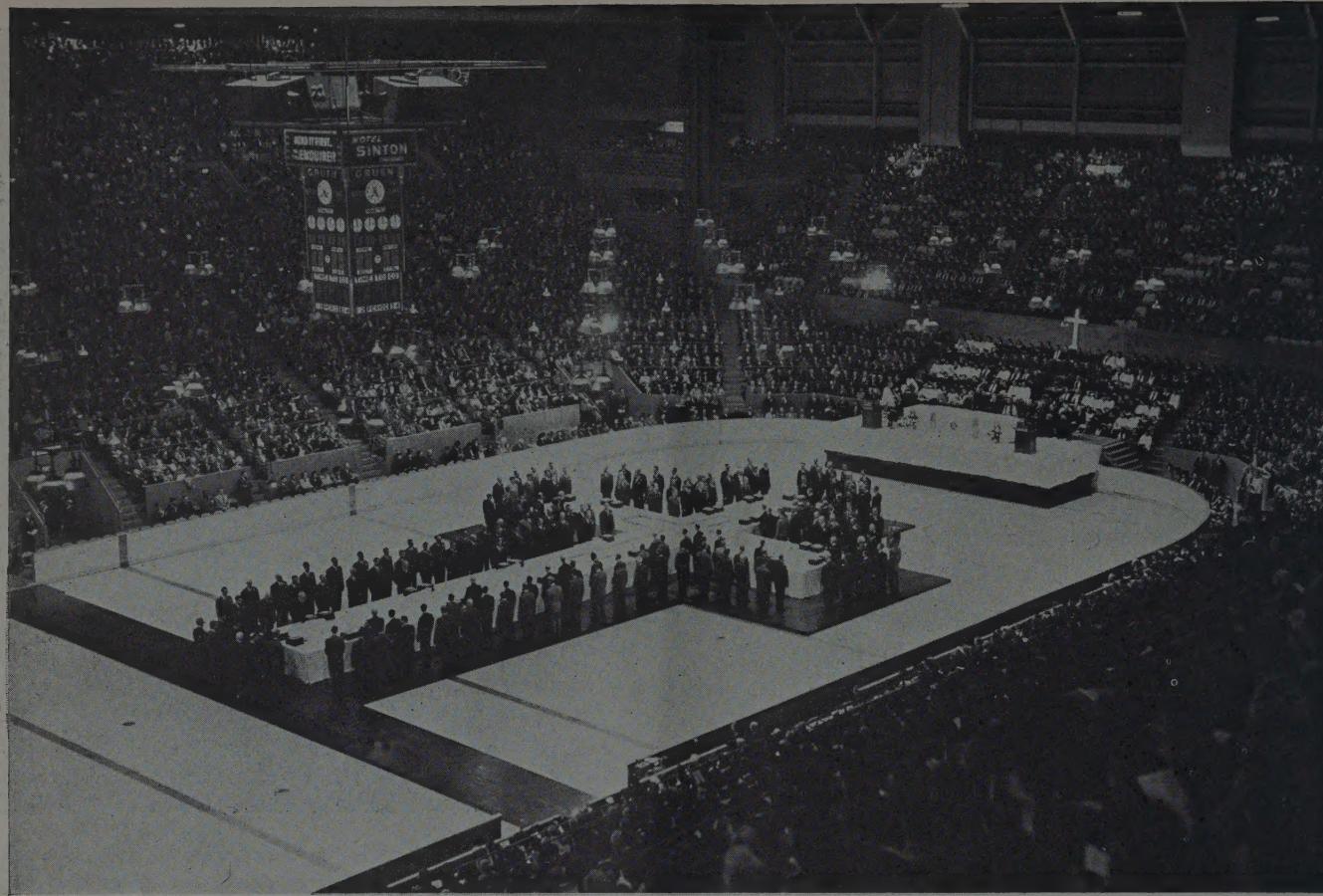
projects under cooperative Protestant sponsorship;

5. Continued success of sulfone derivatives in the treatment of leprosy.

Dr. E. C. Cort, formerly a Presbyterian medical missionary in Thailand, suggested an all-out educational and publicity effort to eliminate leprosy from Siam. He said that Siam is one of the best protected countries in Asia against small-pox and other tropical diseases, because of the ability of the Siamese to learn and practice preventive medicine.

CWS SHIPS 10,888 TONS

A total of 21,771,154 pounds of goods was shipped to people in 62 different countries by Church World Service, Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1949. The estimated value was \$6,115,704.



Fifteen thousand attend 1949 annual Reformation Day Festival in Cincinnati

The Priesthood of Believers

Protestant tradition emphasized in widespread Reformation Day observance and in lay participation in United Evangelistic Advance

THE GREATEST and most widespread observance of Reformation Day in the history of American Protestantism was held this year under the impetus of the United Evangelistic Advance. Never before have so many churches in so many cities and towns participated in united observances to pledge anew their devotion to Christ and the unifying spirit of Protestantism.

Huge crowds attended the services in metropolitan centers such as Detroit, Kansas City, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New York, Atlanta, Louisville and others. In several, including Detroit and Cincinnati the halls were inadequate to accommodate the crowds. More than 3,000 were turned away in Detroit and hundreds in Cincinnati.

The growth of cooperation among the churches in celebrating the historic day was evident in reports to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the United Evangelistic Advance. More than 121 communities sent him reports of united services. In a few instances disappointment over the attendance was noted but throughout all reports ran the same thread of comment . . . "very worthwhile" . . . "helped us to know why we are Protestants" . . . "inspiring" . . . "never knew there were so many Protestants."

The largest crowds were reported by cities where a united Reformation Day service has become a tradition.

In Cincinnati's Garden the fourth annual Reformation Sunday Festival was held under the joint auspices of the

Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati and the Centennial Community Committee of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. The chief usher estimated more than 15,000. Several hundred Disciples who came by bus and car from other cities for the climactic session of the Centennial Convention were unable to gain admission.

"We now stand at the dawn of a new era," declared Dr. Douglas Horton of New York, minister-at-large of the Congregational Christian Church of America, in the principal address. "Today the churches, like the nation, must learn to live together or perish. There always will be room for freedom, but there is no longer any room for disorderly freedom."

THE CLIMAX of the observance was the Lord's Supper. At the 90-foot table on the ground floor, built in the form of a cross, and at smaller tables in the stands 400 deacons served the elements, to many thousands, in fourteen minutes.

In Kansas City Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister, Christ Church, New York appealed for a closer relationship between Protestants and Roman Catholics in addressing 12,500 persons in the Municipal Auditorium. In Detroit Dr. E. Stanley Jones, famous missionary and evangelist, stressed the open Bible and the "rediscovery of Christ" as the central gifts of the Reformation.

At McKeesport, Pa., Bishop John Stamm, of Harrisburg, Pa. president of the Federal Council of Churches said a great responsibility rests upon Protestantism to release the spiritual redemptive power at home, in schools, in industry and business. He termed unity of the spirit more important than unity of churches. Basic unity, he declared, lies in the spirit, in the loyalty and exaltation of Christ.

Protestantism is the world's "greatest bulwark against totalitarianism" Rev. Dr. Frederick Meek of Old South Church, Boston told 1,200 who attended a united service at Central Congregational Church in Providence, R. I. It was the largest Reformation Day service since it became an annual event three years ago under the sponsorship of the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

MANY communities carried on intensive promotional campaigns to increase attendance, utilizing newspapers, window and bus cards, radio, outdoor bill boards, church bulletins, etc. The Louisville Council of Churches used a series of paid newspaper ads to promote the Reformation Day Service under such headings as "The Bible and the Churches," "Right and Wrong," and "Every Man a Priest." In one of the ads "Unity Beneath Variety" emphasis was placed on basic Protestant beliefs of the members of the city's 222 churches and the "great web of unity among the churches upon the basis of entirely free choice."

"Protestants rejoice in the spirit of unity but they distrust and will oppose to the utmost any pressures for uniformity of worship or control," the message concluded. "The Spirit of God works through human lives producing rich variety. And the Spirit of God is one—therein is our unity."

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

As the churches approached the Christmas Season the United Evangelistic Advance urged every local church and minister to plan a Watch Night service on New Year's Eve from 11 to 12 midnight.

As New Year's Day opens, marking the arrival of the closing year of the first half of the 20th Century a 24-hour vigil of prayer will begin in many churches.

"This last year should see the greatest moral and spiritual progress in this country that ever has been made in any like period," Dr. Bader observed. "This can be done only by prayer—the privilege and responsibility of every Christian."

On New Year's Day, which comes on Sunday, every minister is urged to preach on the text, II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

OTHER NEWS of the United Evangelistic Advance:

The Universal week of Prayer will be observed January 1-8. A special booklet containing seven special topics may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism. (Five cents a copy; ten per cent discount on orders of 200 or more.)

A series of window displays on various aspects of religious life has been arranged this Fall by the Paynesville, Minn. Ministerial Association to encourage church attendance. One of the windows showing religious magazines is being arranged by Father Varley, Roman Catholic priest, an active member of the Ministerial Association. Missions and overseas relief are the theme of other window displays.

EPISCOPALIANS' ACTION

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at San Francisco adopted a resolution endorsing the United Evangelistic Advance. It declared "this Church is desirous of doing its full part in the evangelizing of this nation" and urges individual dioceses and parishes to participate in those phases of the program where participation is possible."

Mansfield, Ohio churches conducted a religious census of 35,000 persons and found 97 per cent had a church affiliation or preference. Of the remaining

three per cent only one professed to be an atheist. The preferences indicated showed this result: Protestant 84 per cent; Roman Catholic 12½; Judaism ½ of one per cent. Rev. David N. Roller, chairman of the census committee comprising 17 Protestant churches said 941 were enlisted as census takers.

The ecumenical spirit of the Advance was demonstrated in El Dorado, Kansas during the city-wide effort in home visitation evangelism. Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren and Episcopalians participated in the program, October 16-20. Supper conferences were held in a different church of a different denomination each evening. One hundred and fifty workers secured 304 decisions for Christ and church membership.

FREQUENTLY workers found that the denominational background of the people they called upon differed from their own. Methodists got decisions for the Baptists, Baptists for the Disciples.

A program of visitation evangelism has resulted in the membership of a small Presbyterian church in Hedgesville, West Virginia being doubled since last January. The pastor tells how it was done. Fourteen men were recruited to call upon 100 families. Before they were visited they received messages—a portion of Scripture obtained from the American Bible Society. On membership Sunday 38 men and women were received into membership of the church, half of them on profession of faith, and several others have since joined. Seventeen infants were baptized. "The workers were thrilled, the entire church was moved by this greatest experience in the church's half century of existence," the pastor comments.

The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. reports that more lay people have attended conferences on evangelism this Fall than in any period in the church's history. The Church is participating, through its New Life Movement, in the Advance.

From the Northern Baptist Convention which is participating in the Advance comes word of a successful simultaneous evangelistic campaign in Washington, D. C. by 27 Southern Baptist churches, with the cooperation of Northern Baptist evangelistic leaders. Six hundred and sixty-three new

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Churches Face Challenge In Changing Rural Life

One Factor: Ten Million Urban-Employed Residents

PROBLEMS confronting Protestantism in rural America today can be solved only through the cooperative efforts of all major denominations, unhampered by denominational limitations.

This was the keynote sounded by both speakers and commission reports at the sixth annual Convocation on the Church in Town and Country, held November 8 to 10 in Lincoln, Neb., under the joint sponsorship of the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council of North America and the International Council of Religious Education.

"The rechurching of rural America will require the reconstruction and revamping of our denominational structure," Dr. I. George Nace, co-executive secretary-elect of the Home Missions Council told the approximately 800 delegates in a major address.

Warning against the danger of regarding institutions and systems as "ends in themselves, more important

than the things they were organized to achieve," Dr. Nace suggested interdenominational cooperation, a group ministry and "increased penetration of community life" to meet the needs of changing rural life.

"Unless methods and means can be found to enable the town and country church to penetrate the educational and social activities in the community in a larger and more aggressive service, secular institutions will take over and become entrenched," Dr. Nace predicted.

For the group ministry he suggested a parish setup which would include a full-time minister with primary responsibilities for preaching, a religious education director for full-time education and social activities and a pastor to serve as a personal counselor to the congregation.

The notes of cooperation and a wider ministry were repeated in the commission reports which will be referred to the denominations for action. These dealt with rural problems ranging from

those encountered in isolated areas through those of northern cut-over timberlands, cotton-growing areas, rural industrial communities and "fringe" areas on the outskirts of large industrial centers.

For example, the report on a religious ministry to isolated areas pointed out that the high cost "in men and means cannot be met with any degree of satisfaction in any area by one church body alone but must be done on a cooperative basis, using the total resources of all the major church bodies."

The commission charged to develop a program for mining and industrial areas observed that "the present procedure of several denominations attempting to minister in a camp, using the company-owned church building, makes for confusion and ill will."

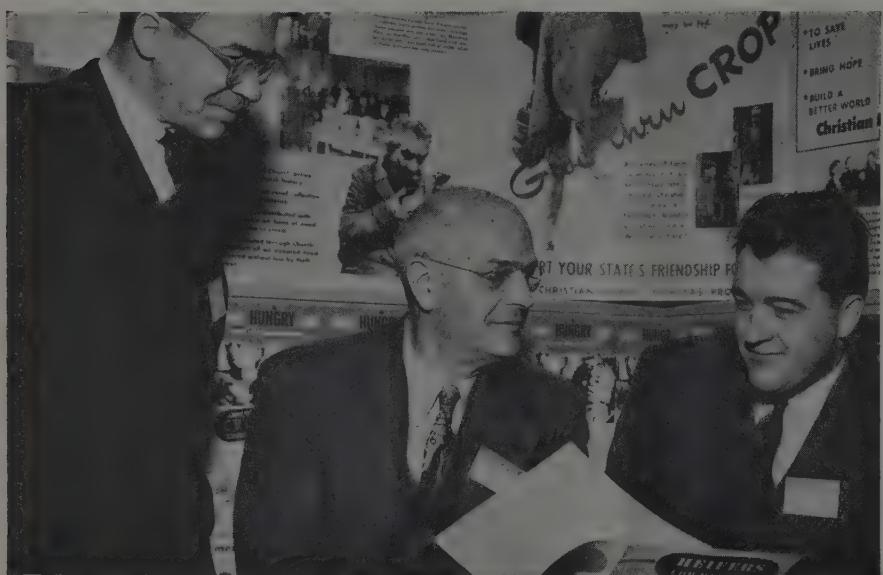
The report predicted, however, that "when denominational cooperation becomes a reality, a statesman-like approach to management, labor and other community groups will result in a united movement powerful enough to provide both moral and physical success."

The commission dealing with the "fringe" areas also emphasized that interdenominational cooperative planning was a necessity to effect a realistic program of church action in this rapidly growing area of rural life.

The "rural non-farm" population in these areas, according to Rev. Edward L. Becker, national director for the Town and Country Church of the Disciples of Christ, "now numbers between nine and ten million persons who neither farm nor live in town but are rural residents with jobs in urban centers," and come from widely varied religious and social backgrounds. He cited one rural township near a city in which residents from more than 100 different church backgrounds.

Other difficulties in a religious ministry to these groups, Mr. Becker said, are lack of community organization, division of interest between home and work, and time-consuming household enterprises, such as gardening and raising pairs.

Urging a "well-planned and aggressive program of evangelism" to the people, he told delegates that the Church "must seek to establish institutions that can express the common life of the people, which can only



Dr. Benson Y. Landis, (center) of the Federal Council staff looks over plans of the Kaufman-Banzard Larger Parish with Rev. Thomas B. Foster, (left) of Ben Wheeler, Texas, and Rev. Dugald Caffee at the Annual Convocation on the Church in Town and Country. The two young ministers who gave up lucrative posts at Presbyterian, U. S. A. headquarters, are operating a 12-church-parish in the wide open spaces.

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Fifty-five Churchmen at CIO Convention

Both laity and clergy joined in affirming the worthwhileness of their participation in the Seminar for Church Leaders in connection with the eleventh Constitutional Convention of the CIO in Cleveland last month. Endorsing "the entire idea of holding such meetings in connection with the national conferences of large economic organizations," a leader of a large women's organization declared that experiences like these lead to "what in our time is so important—the breaking down of the boundaries of misunderstanding between groups of different kinds."

The seminar was the largest in the series to date. There were fifty-five members from seven states and nine denominations. They sat together as a group during four sessions of the CIO convention. "The cooperation of the organization which we were observing," declared Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary of the Department of the Church and Economic Life, who acted as Seminar leader, "was most helpful. The speakers whom we met informally as our guests at mealtime were consistently and particularly effective both in what they said and in the kind of impression they made as individuals." Those who responded to invitations as speakers were Al Whitehouse, regional director, United Steelworkers, who is also a member of the Department of the Church and Economic Life; Willard Townsend, president, Transport Service Employees; Jack Kroll, national director of the Political Action Committee; and Clinton S. Golden, formerly vice-president, United Steelworkers, and now a labor deputy to the administrator of ECA.

The Seminar members heard important sections of the historic debate on constitutional changes dealing with the position of adherents to communism, fascism and other totalitarian concepts.

The experience was, as one of them declared, "a real education. I came away with a new insight into the mind and methods of the labor movement. There are many things about it which are rather disconcerting, but there is a sincerity and oneness of purpose which commanded both attention and admiration."

Supplies the Answers to Many Questions



MISS NADINE BLAIR, assistant secretary of the Washington Office of the Federal Council of Churches and Cooperating Bodies, finds every day that church people have varied interests in the Washington scene. "What, if anything, can be done for migrant labor under the Housing Act of 1949? Why did President Truman veto the bill for rehabilitation of the Navajos? What agency publishes the current report on low-income families? Would ministers be covered under HR 6000, which has been passed by the House of Representatives? Just what is Old Age and Survivors' Insurance, anyway?"

Miss Blair came to the Washington Office from government service. She soon demonstrated skill in finding out who knows what, and also in learning who in the government doesn't know anything about a subject that concerns prominent churchmen.

She has to know something about both church and state, she finds. And both are difficult subjects. So she must select week by week which subjects to study and which to put aside. For the Washington Office finds church people interested in Atoms and Agriculture . . . Health and Housing . . . Immigration and Point Four . . . Civil Rights and Indians in Alaska . . . also federal aid to education—some sixty broad areas in all.

The Washington Office, established in 1945, studies the interests and concerns of church agencies. It has no program of its own, except that of supplying information to church officers. It issues a weekly informal memo to about 1,700 officials of agencies supporting the office on a wide range of subjects. It reports to the churches but has no authority to advocate their programs before public authorities.

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Plan Convocation on City Church Jan. 23-24, First in Many Years

THE first nation-wide interdenominational conference in over a dozen years on the strategy of Protestantism in America's congested urban centers will be held January 23 and 24, 1950, when the Convocation on the City Church meets in Columbus, Ohio.

The Convocation is sponsored by the Joint Commission on the Urban Church, comprising representatives of the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council of North America and the International Council of Religious Education.

Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, acting executive of the Joint Commission, predicted that a program for a more effective ministry "based on sound knowledge both of the cities themselves and of the role of the churches in our increasingly urban culture," would come out of the Convocation.

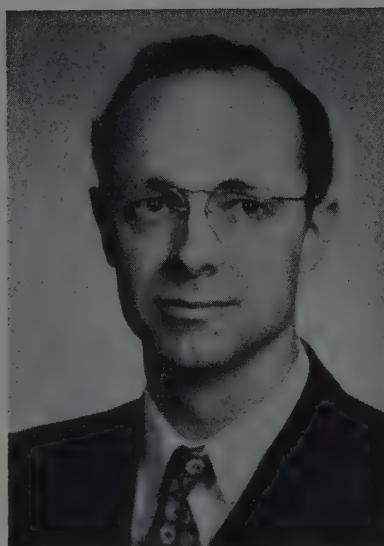
Designed to "blueprint a field for nation-wide discussion," the Convocation will feature ten seminars, whose reports will be passed on to the Home Missions Congress, meeting immediately afterward in Columbus.

AMONG the topics for discussion, he said, are social welfare, the prevention of delinquency, the approach to the family, the problem of race relations, including the special problems of Negro churches, and the cooperation of churches with other civic and social agencies.

Other problems dealing with particular areas are special situations arising in housing developments, rooming house and apartment areas, and the relation of the churches to areas in a stage of transition—where either the neighborhood itself is changing in population density or economic use or where the population is changing as to race, language, nationality or religious background.

Each seminar, said Dr. Sanderson, will weigh the unique function of the church as compared with other institutions of community betterment, and attempt to arrive at a common set of standards for measuring the city churches' effectiveness.

In emphasizing the importance of the convocation, Dr. Sanderson said:



REV. LINCOLN B. WADSWORTH

OUR nation, which was rural a century ago, is now made up of people more than half of whom live in cities, and almost all of whom are influenced by city ways of doing things. The Protestants in many of the larger cities constitute a minority group, and their actual membership is repeatedly less than one in ten of the population. Moreover, urban life has become secularized and paganized to an extent that would not have been thought possible in the days when city churches had fewer members, but more influence.

"The city apparently set the style for secularism, as well as the 'new look,'" Dr. Sanderson observed wryly.

Major speakers on the program include Dr. H. Paul Douglass, director of the Committee for Cooperative Field Research of the Federal Council of Churches, who will report on recent surveys of urban churches; Dr. Sidney E. Sweet, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, who will deliver the keynote address, and Prof. Samuel C. Kincheloe, of the religious sociology department of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Co-chairmen of the Joint Commission on the Urban Church are Rev. Jacob A. Long, of the San Francisco

A Flight to Hiroshima Takes Promise of Life

An American plane flew to Hiroshima last August but unlike another which brought death and destruction to the Japanese city, it carried a promise of life. Its cargo 60 grams of precious streptomycin was sent by Church World Service to a little girl dying of tuberculosis.

Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature sent an appeal for the drug to the American Broadcasting Company and the latter relayed the request to the Christian overseas relief agency.

Church World Service estimated the cost of sixty grams and shipping at \$50.

Almost providentially the Protestant Congregation of the New York State Hospital for the Cure of Tuberculosis at Raybrook, N. Y., sent \$50. It stipulated that it should be used for alleviating the suffering of children overseas, especially those afflicted with tuberculosis!

Soon the medicine went on its way by air. On August 22 Dr. G. Ernest Bott, CWS director for Japan, met the plane in Tokyo and forwarded the medicine to Dr. Asano at the Hiroshima Memorial Hospital.

The patients at Raybrook, who had collected the money in dimes and nickels and even pennies, were told about little Nobuko. Now they hope to get acquainted with her through correspondence.

TELEVISION LIBRARY

Plans for a national Protestant television library are to be formulated shortly by the Protestant Radio Commission and the Protestant Film Commission, it was announced at a five-day television workshop sponsored by the Protestant Radio Commission with Station WHEN in Syracuse. A rotating plan will enable local religious organizations to service television stations with religious films.

Theological Seminary, and Rev. Lincoln B. Wadsworth, secretary of the Department of Cities of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and chairman of the Committee on City and Bilingual Work of the Home Missions Council. Mr. Wadsworth will be the chairman of the Convocation.

Greet New Chiefs of Chaplains



Both the Army and the Navy have new chiefs of chaplains. Chaplain (Major General) Roy H. Parker (left) succeeds Chaplain (Major General) Luther D. Miller. Chaplain (Rear Admiral) Stanton W. Salisbury succeeds Rear Admiral W. N. Thomas.

By T. A. RYMER

THE new chiefs of chaplains of the Army and Navy were welcomed into membership in the General Commission on Chaplains at its semiannual meeting in Washington on November 2. Each of them has a long record of service.

Chaplain Roy H. Parker is the new Army Chief of Chaplains and Captain Stanton W. Salisbury is the Navy chief.

Chaplain Parker, who has been supervisory chaplain of the Far East Command, is 59 years old, born and educated in Missouri and ordained to the Southern Baptist ministry. He became an Army chaplain in 1918 and was assigned to Camp Travis, Texas. Since then he has served in the Philippines, aboard Army transports, in Hawaii, at various posts in the U. S. and in World War II, as Chaplain of the North African Theatre of Operations. Before going to the Far East Command he was Chief of the Personnel Division, Office of the Chief of Chaplains.

Chaplain Salisbury has the distinction of having served in both the Army and the Navy Chaplains' Corps. He was born and educated in Nebraska and received his theological training at Auburn Theological Seminary in New

York. He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1916.

During World War I he served as a YMCA secretary in France, and in 1918 was appointed an Army chaplain.

He entered the Navy chaplaincy in 1921 and served on a number of ships. He was chaplain on the U.S.S. *Pennsylvania* at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. His shore duty has been at Guam, the New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Navy Yards, the Marine Barracks at Quantico, Va., the Navy Chaplains' School at Norfolk, Va., and as Assistant Director, Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Eleven of the Commission's committees reported on their achievements during the past six months.

Churchmen who, as guests of the Army, have conducted retreats for chaplains stationed in Europe and the Far East reported. They have found that ministers in uniform are worthy representatives of their denominations, doing splendid work under difficult circumstances.

The Commission is also deeply interested in the six Chaplains' Spiritual Life Conferences scheduled for early summer at strategic centers in continental United States. These are being

promoted by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, the General Commission on Chaplains, and the Chiefs of Chaplains of the departments of the defense forces and the Director of the Veterans' Administration Chaplaincy Service.

Representatives of the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces reported on work of close interest to the Commission.

The General Commission plans to promote a conference to evaluate the Service Men's Christian League and to consider the need for this or some other youth organization in the defense forces to conserve the work of youth programs in the denominations and to provide for Protestant men and women opportunity for Christian fellowship and Christian growth. To the conference will be invited executives of the educational boards of the various denominations, representatives of the offices of the Chiefs of Chaplains, other chaplains on active duty, and interested churchmen.

The League's publication *The Link*, and *The Chaplain*, which had been sent free to every Protestant chaplain in both the Army and the Navy are published by the Commission. The action of the Executive Committee of the Commission last June in changing *The Chaplain* and *The Link* to bimonthly magazines, was reviewed. The Editorial Committee was authorized to make a survey of opinion on the value of these magazines and to explore ways to secure the necessary income to reestablish *The Link* as a monthly.

Forty-seven denominations affiliated or cooperating with the General Commission furnish example of the fact that Protestants can work together in spite of many differences. The General Commission on Chaplains, although defined as an autonomous body, owes much to the Federal Council. It considers itself an agent of the denominations and of Protestantism united.

HONOR WILLIAM HALL

The Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation for outstanding work in Christian education was presented to William Webster Hall on November 18 by the International Council of Religious Education.

He is the father of Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic life.

College Women Look at Church; Find Many Challenging Tasks

"A completely demanding and exhilarating task for college women in lay fields as also in the various church vocations."

This is the way 100 college women at the Keuka Conference on "College Women and Church Life," November 11-14 described the task of the Church.

The conference was the first of its kind. It was initiated by the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry. Twenty-nine women's colleges in the Middle Atlantic area and New England sent student representatives. These colleges included not only Barnard, Wellesley, and Vassar, but also universities like Cornell, Rochester, Syracuse and Boston University, and several state teachers' colleges.

The two big questions which the conference asked and helped to answer were: first, What are the big jobs women can do in today's Church? and 2) What do we call upon the Church to do in making more significant the participation of women in its life?

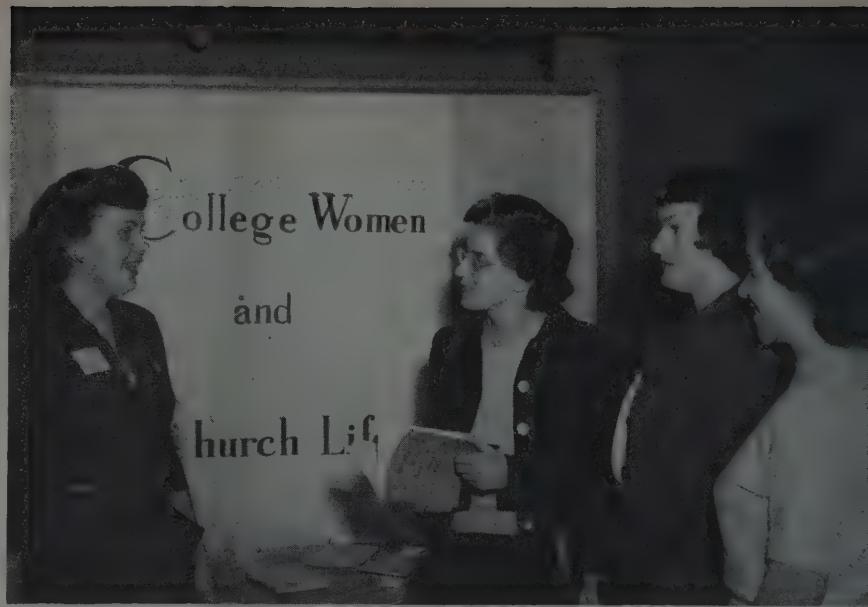
Addresses were given by Dr. Douglas Horton, minister-at-large of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, member of the executive committee of the World Council of Churches, and by Mrs. Douglas Horton, vice president of the Federal Council and former president of Wellesley.

"The difference between a Christian and a non-Christian doing the same job is that the Christian as he works is aware of the judgeship and presence of God in all life about him," said Dr. Douglas Horton. "Like Joan of Arc, we find life transfigured because seen in holy perspective."

Mrs. Swain declared that sponsoring a youth group, pushing mission concern, giving time and prayer and energy in lay women's work can bring more satisfaction and Christian joy than any other work a woman can do.

"Only as Christians—men and women—do make this their chief concern, will family life, community concerns, and world peace come to long-prayed-for fruitfulness," she added.

"The Church is unique in providing a timeless reason for effort on behalf of others: the love of God seen in Christ," Mrs. Horton observed. "Right now, while women are not yet given



At the Keuka College Conference, Rev. Edith Wolfe, of East Canaan, Connecticut discusses religious books with students. Left to right: Winnie Evans, Columbia University; Miss Wolfe, Dorothea Fawley, Auburn and Jean Engel, Rochester.

parity in church leadership, they have the privilege of being prophetic and unconservative, un-bureaucratic; they should use to the limit this transition period for strategic emphases and movements within the Church."

Panel discussions were held on "Lay Expression of Christian Vocation" in six fields, and on "Church Vocations for Women," with eight participants. Fellowship groups met frequently.

There were worship services each day, led by the students, and Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday morning. The sermon at the morning worship service was preached by Rev. Edith Wolfe, who was trained at Union Seminary.

The Message drawn up by the students follows:

"To us as college women, who have often judged the Church sluggish and behind the times, this Conference brings unexpected realization that it is we who are far behind the great currents of thinking and action within the Church. We here find the task of the Church a completely demanding and exhilarating one for college women, in lay fields as also in the various church vocations.

"We find at the same time that for the most part our college training is providing us with neither the Christian vocational sense of direction nor such deep faith in God and knowledge of the Christian message as our day demands. We believe college and Church need to cooperate more fully in that effort,

with courses and supervised experiences to help us make this integration.

"We are troubled that certain church tasks, to which women may be called by God, are closed to them on grounds of tradition or ostensibly theological dogma. We look forward to the day when these barriers will be removed, but meanwhile pledge ourselves to the creative and prophetic jobs which do offer themselves in the Church."

The conference voted to request the Federal Council to initiate plans for another Conference on College Women and Church Life in 1951.

Dr. John Oliver Nelson, secretary of the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry, was executive and chairman of the planning committee.

HEADS ADVISORY GROUP

Dorothy Nicholls of New York has accepted the chairmanship of the Youth Advisory Committee of Church World Service.

The Committee was established for the purpose of stimulating greater interest in overseas relief and rehabilitation through young people in America.

Miss Nicholls, who was graduate from Hunter College in January, is chairman of the National World Relief Youth Committee of the Episcopal Church and a member of its National Youth Commission. She has been active in various parish, diocesan and provincial youth activities. She is employed by a New York advertising agency.

Workshop Helps Buffalo Christmas Observances

The Christian Workshop conducted by the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County has survived blown fuses and other hazards to become a hardy perennial.

This year's workshop combined with a worship seminar sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches, was hailed as the "best yet" by 450 ministers, choir leaders, instructors and other church people.

The strongest appeal of the Christmas Workshop, says Dr. Ralph M. Carmichael, head of the Council's department of Christian education, is "how-to-do-it" sessions. As a means to fuller worship and heightening of Christian life and fellowship at Christmastime handwork skills are taught and practical ideas for Christmas observance in the home as well as the church are given.

In 1945 the workshop was introduced as an experiment and caught on so well that the following year 390 people were attracted to Buffalo's Central Presbyterian Church. Their interest was put to the test that night. Early in the evening the fuses were blown. Candles were lighted while electricians worked feverishly. The audience passed the time singing carols. After an hour there still were no electric lights. The session was postponed and the people went home. When reconvened twelve days later almost the entire audience of the candlelight session turned up.

The following year the workshop was one of five events marking the 90th year of interchurch cooperation in the upstate New York county. Attendance reached a new peak with 800 persons — representatives of 133 churches including two Roman Catholic parishes and one Jewish congregation—present.

Most enthusiastic response this year was to a session on Christmas carols led by Mrs. Helen Dickinson, of Union Theological Seminary's School of Sacred Music in New York. Mrs. Dickinson and her husband, Dr. Clarence Dickinson, founder of the seminary music school, have collected carols in far parts of the world for years.

A "Bethlehem Appeal" at Christmas

A special "Bethlehem Appeal" has been authorized by Church World Service for this month, to provide food, clothing, education, recreation and spiritual leadership for Christian Arab war refugees in the Near East.

Funds collected in this country will be distributed to Christians, Moslems, Jews and others. Among the projects which the "Bethlehem Appeal" will assist are refugee schools taught by refugee teachers, in Ain Hilweh, Lebanon, operated by the Syria-Lebanon Mission of the Presbyterian Church USA; in Ramallah, Palestine, by the Friends' Mission, and in Jerusalem by the Lutheran World Federation.

"Soup kitchens" as in Transjordan where 860 persons have a meal a day, sewing workshops, play centers, and materials for religious activity are other projects.

According to recent figures released by the Palestine Refugee Committee in Beirut, there are nearly a million of these refugees—141,822 in Lebanon, 88,128 in Syria, 105,181 in Transjordan, 359,372 in North and Central Palestine (outside of Israel), and 250,000 in the Gaza area (Southern Palestine). It is estimated that 76 percent of these are children and nursing or expectant mothers.

In requesting support from U. S. Christians, the Near East Christian Council stated: "The shadows of fear, suspicion and force hang heavy over all this part of the world, embittering all human relationships, and engendering misunderstandings through all the communities. Only prompt, wise, farsighted and definite action can dispel these shadows."

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, chairman of H.E.L.P. (Holyland Emergency Liaison Program), warns that, unless

additional support is given by Americans to the voluntary agencies operating in behalf of the Arab displaced persons, Communist inroads in the Near East will continue.

Yusif El-Bandak, son of the mayor of Bethlehem, points out that the failure of American philanthropy in helping Arab refugees will result in a total loss of confidence in the Western democracies.

With regard to the need for help, Dr. Wayland Zwayer, of Church World Service, says: "Never before has there been so great a human need for our remembrance of the place where we were given the divine answer to our own needs. The roads leading in and out from Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethany, Jericho and Bethlehem have come to know the weary feet of thousands and thousands of hopeless, destitute refugees. I think that He who trod those same roads until He went to the Cross is relying upon us to look upon this multitude and have compassion in His name."

The committee in charge of the appeal consists of Rev. Wayland Zwayer, CWS director for Europe; Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches; Canon A. R. Pepper, director of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, chairman of the Special Palestine Relief Committee; Miss Glora Wysner, secretary of the International Missionary Council, and Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, director of promotion for CWS.

Those who wish to help should send checks to "Bethlehem Appeal," Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.

Among them, she told the audience, were a melody the Dickinsons heard on a train in rural Spain, played by shepherds on native flutes, to which she wrote words later, and a children's carol from Majorca, composed with only three notes.

A combined choir from city churches led the audience in singing Christmas carols.

Other features of the two-day gathering were a ministers' meeting, at which speakers were Rev. Deane Edwards, executive secretary of the Federal

Council's Commission on Worship, and Dr. John Oliver Nelson, executive secretary of the Council's Commission on the Ministry, and a women's meeting on "Worship in the Home" led by Miss Dorothy Fritz, editor of children's publications for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Rev. J. Albert Clark of Concord, N. H., has been appointed director of religious education and youth departments of the Ohio Council of Churches.

Name Committee of 38 For National Council

WILL ARRANGE CONSTITUTING CONVENTION

A COMMITTEE of church leaders, headed by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, has been named to formulate the program of the Constituting Convention of The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., which is to be held November 28-December 1, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio. This gathering is expected to bring to a climax the discussions and plans of nearly a decade and to provide a more effective and unified interdenominational structure than has existed in the nation up to the present time.

According to the provisional arrangements formulated by the Committee, the Constituting Convention will be devoted chiefly to the adoption of the constitution as the basic charter of the new body, establishment of the governing bodies and the divisions of work on a firm foundation and development of major policies. It is also proposed to hold three evening sessions of a more popular character, emphasizing the new stage in Christian cooperation and unity which the creation of the National Council represents.

The biennial meeting of the Federal Council is expected to be held in Cleveland, November 27-28, immediately preceding the Constituting Convention of the new National Council.

The interdenominational agencies which have agreed to join their forces in the new inclusive council are:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
The Home Missions Council of North America
The International Council of Religious Education
The Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada
The National Protestant Council on Higher Education
The United Council of Church Women
The United Stewardship Council.

All of the national church bodies which are related to the Federal Council have officially approved the plan for the new National Council with the exception of the United Church of

Canada and the United Lutheran Church (consultative). The United Lutheran Church is to make its decision at its next convention. The United Church of Canada is in a different situation from the other member-churches of the Council by reason of its geographical location. In view of the fact that a Canadian Council of Churches now exists, of which the United Church of Canada is a part, it is expected that a close cooperative relation between the Canadian Council and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. will be worked out, which will provide for the participation of the Canadian churches in the work of most of the divisions of the National Council.

The Planning Committee for the National Council, which includes representatives of the seven uniting interdenominational agencies, is headed by Dean Luther A. Weigle. The secretary is Dr. Hermann N. Morse and the executive secretary is Dr. Earl F. Adams.

The membership of the Committee on Program and Procedures for the Constituting Convention is as follows:

Dr. P. O. Bersell, Augustana Lutheran Church; Archbishop Bohdan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church; Dr. Arlo A. Brown, International Council of Religious Education; Dr. Hugh C. Burr, Association of Council Secretaries; Dr. E. Fay Campbell, National Protestant Council on Higher Education; Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Franklin D. Cogswell, Missionary Education Movement; Mrs. H. G. Colwell, Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. Gaines M. Cook, Disciples of Christ; Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Home Missions Council; Dr. Errol T. Elliott, Five Years Meeting of Friends.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran Church; Dr. Robert W. Gibson, National Protestant Council on Higher Education; Dr. L. W. Goebel, Evangelical and Reformed Church; Dr. Edwin D. Grant, Presbyterian Church in the U. S.; Dr. James E. Hoffman, Reformed Church in America; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Methodist Church; Dr. Douglas Horton, Congregational Christian Churches; Dr. W. H. Jernagin, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; Miss Helen Kenyon, Congregational Christian Churches.

Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, United Council of Church Women; Dr. Hermann

Press and Magazines

Find News in Religion

The intense interest of Americans in religion is reflected in the attention it is receiving both from national magazines and from newspapers.

The Woman's Home Companion is carrying an article by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches in its December issue. "The Methodists" is the title of an article by Ben Wickersham in the Dec. 6, issue of *Look*. An article lauding the work of the Home Missions Council of North America is published in the Thanksgiving Day issue of *Quick*.

The Louisville Council of Churches is helping gather religious news from the Friday issues of the *Courier-Journal* and *Times*. Churches and organizations send their news of special programs, revival services and other special events each week. News reaching the Council by Wednesday is included in its news report which is published on Friday.

In Ohio, the *Fulton County Expositor* of Wauseon now carries a full page of church news each week. Rev. Frederick Fox, pastor of the First Congregational Church reports that the Wauseon Ministerial Association is cooperating with the editor. In addition to the usual church announcements considerable space is devoted to general news in the religious field of interest locally.

N. Morse, Secretary, Planning Committee; Dr. Reuben H. Mueller, Evangelical United Brethren Church; Dr. Harry J. Myers, United Stewardship Council; Dr. I. George Nace, Home Missions Council; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Church; Dr. C. L. Pantle, Disciples of Christ; Dr. Raymond R. Peters, Church of the Brethren; Dr. William B. Pugh, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; Dr. Roy G. Ross, International Council of Religious Education.

Dr. John Q. Schisler, International Council of Religious Education; Dr. Franklin I. Sheeder, Evangelical and Reformed Church; Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Protestant Episcopal Church; Mrs. Harriet Sibley, United Council of Church Women; Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, International Council of Religious Education; Bishop John S. Stamm, Evangelical United Brethren Church; Dr. Harry W. Stock, National Protestant Council on Higher Education; Dr. Luther A. Weigle, Chairman, Planning Committee; Dr. Earl F. Adams, Executive Secretary, Planning Committee.

Home Missions Congress Called to Draft Ten-Year Program

A TEN-YEAR Christian program to deal with problems of poverty, sickness, racial tensions and social dis- cessions will be drafted by twenty- three major Protestant denominations at the Home Missions Congress at Columbus, Ohio, January 24-27.

Announcement of the gathering, first of its kind in twenty years, was made by Dr. Mark A. Dawber, co-executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America.

An officially delegated body of 1,000 home mission executives and church leaders, the Congress is expected to adopt a nation-wide plan of Protestant action based on the recommendations of ten seminars assigned to deal with every phase of home missions work.

Dr. Dawber said that one of the crucial issues to be discussed would be the role of home mission work among special language, racial, religious and economic minority groups.

Asserting that the Church lagged behind labor unions and schools in promoting inter-cultural understanding, the mission executive added: "Actually the Christian Church which professes to believe in the brotherhood of man, should be in the vanguard of organizations striving to insure minority groups equal economic and social opportunity."

"The motivation behind the Congress should be to place the home mission forces of this country squarely in line with the professed principles of Christianity," he said.

One of the more delicate issues to be considered by the Congress involves Christian-Jewish relations, Dr. Dawber said. Christian groups in this country have yet to develop an intelligent and consistent program of evangelism in relation to Jews, he said. He expressed the belief that anti-Semitism within the Church has been a major stumbling block.

Another subject on the Congress agenda is the complex relationship of religious institutions, especially child welfare and education, to state and national governments. The Congress will try to assess the future role of Protestant institutions in the light of expanding government social and welfare services.

Preparatory to the Congress, church

and other specialists are engaged in extensive surveys of home mission operations both in this country and in American territories. These surveys, which cover the church in rural and urban areas, Protestant institutions, home missions work among migrants, sharecroppers, and Indians, and a score of other home mission fields, will furnish the basis for seminar discussions and recommendations.

A special feature of the Congress will be a representative youth delegation, which will be invited to attend the Congress sessions.

"Home Missions for a Christian World" is the theme of the Congress.

An impressive group of both church and national leaders have been invited to make major addresses.

These include Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Ralph Sockman, of Christ Church, New York; Dr. Dawber and Dr. Hermann N. Morse, general secretary of the Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

A special highlight of the gathering will be a mass meeting where outstanding public figures will speak on human rights issues.

Denominations sponsoring the Congress are National Baptists, Northern Baptists, Church of the Brethren, Church of God, Congregational Christian, Disciples of Christ, Protestant Episcopal, Evangelical and Reformed, Evangelical United Brethren, Friends, Augustana Lutheran, United Lutheran, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Methodist, American Moravian, Presbyterian, U. S. A., Presbyterian, U. S., United Presbyterian of North America, Christian Reformed, Reformed in America, United Church of Canada. The American Bible Society also is a sponsor.

NEW COMMENTATOR

Dr. Ronald Bridges, president of the Pacific School of Religion, has succeeded Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of the Federal Council of Churches as commentator on "Religion in the News," which is broadcast Saturdays at 6:15 p.m. EST. Dr. Van Kirk has retired from radio after 14 years.

DAYTON'S YEARBOOK BRIGHT, APPEALING

"Yearbook and directory" means in most cases a drab, conventional report. Dayton's yearbook, however, is an exception. The first "Yearbook and Directory of the Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County" is more like a college yearbook—with an attractive light green cover and a green plastic spiral binding and lots of pictures of federation officers and activities.

An airplane view of the City of Dayton, a brief history of the town and its churches, a chapter on "The Common Faith of Protestants" and a calendar of religious and community events are some of the features, in addition to the directory and departmental reports, and a list of "Sponsors."

Reuben Coleman, executive secretary, says in the foreword:

"When Dayton was small and the churches were few it was easy for them to speak to the leaders and citizens of the community. Now that Dayton is large and the churches are many it is not easy for them to speak individually to the community leaders. Even the problems have become so complex that the will of God is not always easily discerned. Therefore if the churches are to fulfill their role as the conscience of the community they must cooperatively seek the will of God and cooperatively express it. The Church Federation is the attempt of Protestant churches to fulfill this responsibility in Dayton and Montgomery County."

Clendenin Award to Walter P. Reuther

Walter P. Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers, who has been a member of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life from its beginning, will receive the Clendenin Award for Distinguished Service to Labor's Rights.

The award will be presented by the Workers' Defense League at a testimonial dinner in New York on December 16.

Several years ago a similar award was presented to Rev. James Myers, who was then executive secretary of the Industrial Division of the Federal Council (now the Department of the Church and Economic Life).

State Council Takes Action On School Aid

THE Massachusetts Council of Churches, at its 16th annual convention voiced strong opposition to any use of taxes for direct or indirect support of private or parochial schools and urged active church support for repeal of the law permitting bus transportation at public expense to and from such schools. The Council, embracing 70 local councils of churches, met at the First Parish Church, Taunton, Mass., November 14.

Resolutions were adopted after a report from the Council's committee on the church and public education, in which the chairman, Dr. Ernest R. Caverly, superintendent of public schools in Brookline, Massachusetts, said that aid to schools and welfare services for children should be considered separately.

"We advocate favorable action on the principle in HR 4643, which permits separate consideration of two controversial issues," the report stated. "To insist that if parochial schools cannot have federal funds, public schools shall not have them either is unethical, to put it mildly, and inimical to democratic procedure."

In its resolutions, the Council also called upon "all our fellow citizens of every faith to demonstrate a more active interest and participation in the affairs of our public schools."

In other actions, the Council urged all church members to work toward ending segregation and achieving full civil rights for minorities, asked churches which have not already done so, to assume responsibility for at least one family of displaced persons and called for elimination of all gambling, especially state and private lotteries. The churches were called upon to eliminate all fund-raising schemes involving any form of gambling.

Growing cooperation among Protestant churches, particularly as exemplified by the United Evangelistic Advance, was commended in major addresses by both Dr. Frank Jennings, executive secretary of the Council, and Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Methodist Church in New England.

Protestants in America are united upon the social issues of the day, the

The Clock in the Steeple

HAS YOUR church a steeple with a clock? If so, get a picture of it with the hands of the clock pointing to the hour of eleven and send a glossy print—along with a 300-500 word article on the history of the church—to Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N.Y. The pictures selected as best will be used in a series of articles.

"One Great Hour of Sharing"—concerted appeal of the major denominations for relief, reconstruction and interchurch aid—which will be held on Sunday, March 12, 1950 will have as its symbol a church steeple with the clock-hands pointing to eleven. The Scripture verse will be "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."—Galatians 6:2.

Dr. Stuber, director of promotion for Church World Service, said that

emphasis will be placed both upon the "hour of sharing" on Sunday morning, March 12, and upon a series of radio programs which will come to a climax Saturday night, March 11, 1950. The actual collection of funds will take place Sunday, March 12. The plan calls for six radio transcripts and four different network programs.

Each denomination will promote its own program as a part of the total campaign and will receive the funds directly through its regular collection channels. A campaign fund is being provided Church World Service by participating denominations for general radio and press campaign.

It is expected that over 100,000 churches of all denominations in parts of the country will participate.

The 1949 "One Great Hour" broadcast netted three million dollars for overseas relief and reconstruction.

cardinal doctrines relating to God and man, and the preservation of the freedoms that make life tolerable, said Bishop Lord. "It is significant that most of the great Protestant denominations are engaged in a united evangelistic campaign. This is a recognition of the unity of the spirit, the Una Sancta, existing in Protestantism despite the variety in witness and denominational expression. We are united in the essentials, but we cherish the freedom that allows for a diversity of expression. Amid this diversity, we unite on 'One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.'"

In submitting his annual report, Dr. Jennings said that the council's budget has multiplied more than six times during the past ten years.

An associate executive secretary in charge of business and finance will be added to the staff on January 1, he announced.

Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, of Boston, was elected president of the Council. Other officers are: vice presidents, Mrs. Carl S. Ell, Newtonville; Rev. E. Hughes Wagner, Springfield; and Rev. Arthur M. Webster, Salem; treasurer, William M. Breed, Newton; recording secretary Miss Clara L. Patten, Hyde Park and auditor, James T. Butler, Quincy. Mr. Greeley succeeds Rev. Isaac Higginbotham, secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

CONFERENCE ASKS CHURCHES TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

The Christian Churches of America have been urged to carry on a continuous effort to combat anti-Semitism and especially anti-Judaism.

This recommendation came from a conference on "The Church and Jewish People in America," sponsored by the American Committee on Christian Approach to the Jews, constituted by the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference and the American Section of the International Missionary Council.

The conference reaffirmed the recommendations of the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches held last year.

Other recommendations of the conference had to do with a study "in the field of understanding and goodwill in relation to their evangelistic efforts, the establishment of a permanent Christian Institute on Jewish Studies, supplemented by regional courses and seminars, and courses on Christian-Jewish relations in Christian theological seminaries. Each member church was urged to study the "extent and effectiveness" of its ministry to the Jewish people.

Churches' Lay Employees May Benefit from Social Security

BY BENSON Y. LANDIS

EVERY LOCAL church with a lay employee working 200 hours per quarter year will be affected by an amendment to the Social Security Act of 1935 embodied in a bill H.R. 6,000, which has passed the House of Representatives with only 14 negative votes. Early Senate action on the bill is expected in the second session of the 81st Congress which convenes January 3.

Every lay employee of churches, other religious organizations and educational and charitable institutions, would be brought into the federal system of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance.

Compulsory participation for lay employees of churches and non-profit organizations generally would be provided. By payroll deduction a compulsory insurance contribution would be paid by the employee. The rate would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of annual earnings up to \$3,600 per year. The rate would advance to 2 per cent in 1951, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in 1960, 3 per cent in 1965, and $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent in 1970.

However, a non-profit agency as employer could choose to pay or not to pay an equivalent insurance contribution for the benefit of the lay employee.

The result would be that if the employer should choose to pay, the employee would receive retirement benefits at age 65 equivalent to those paid to workers in trade and industry having equivalent wage credits.

But if the employer should choose not to participate, the employee would receive a benefit on retirement at age 65 somewhat less than that of an employee of a participating employer. Because of the weighting in favor of low-income employees in the formula of benefits proposed, the employee of a non-participating employer would receive in excess of one-half that of the full scale of benefits.

This legislative proposal comes about as a result of a search by the House Committee on Ways and Means for a method of granting coverage to lay employees and of preserving the tax-exempt status of non-profit organizations. The compulsory insurance contributions noted would be collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the manner of taxes.

A religious organization choosing to participate in the system of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance would waive tax exemption to this extent.

A waiver of tax exemption would then be effective for at least five years and could only be terminated by a non-profit organization by a notice of two years in advance.

For some years varied approaches to this matter have been considered. Compulsory participation by both non-profit employer and employee has been advocated, within and without the churches. Voluntary coverage for both employer and employee, as the employer might elect, has been proposed. Finally, the scheme outlined above has emerged as a practical adjustment.

During recent years Congress has given no serious consideration to coverage for ministers of religion, because of the belief that the religious bodies are officially opposed to participation.

H.R. 6,000 would, among many other things, considerably increase benefits, which have not been raised from the level scheduled in pre-war years.

A minimum benefit of \$25 a month would be paid to fully-insured persons at age 65, compared with \$10 at present. The maximum family benefit that could be paid would be advanced from about \$85 to about \$150. At present average benefits being paid are only about \$26 a month.

New persons coming into the system would become "fully insured" after 20 quarters (5 years) of coverage on reaching age 65. This would enable new workers to become eligible for benefits more quickly than under present law.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN

"Religious Liberty in Spain Today" is the title of the October 29th issue of *Information Service*, published by the Federal Council's Department of Research and Education. It is perhaps the most exhaustive study of the subject undertaken recently and is available to those interested, at ten cents per copy. Write to the Department of Research and Education, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

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members were added and the total attendance for the two weeks campaign was 71,463. Rev. C. E. Mathews, of Dallas, Texas, secretary of evangelism of the Southern Baptists directed the campaign and Rev. Cletis Brown and Rev. Alger Geary, field men of the Northern Baptists were guest evangelists.

It is reported that the North Carolina State Convention of the Southern Baptists has voted to cooperate in the Advance.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA is an enterprising city. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11 it closed a five-day preaching mission in which a team of eight speakers, including two women made a total of 72 talks, and sermons before a total of 21,000 persons. They spoke in churches, over the radio, at mass meetings, high schools and to women, youth and labor groups—wherever an audience was arranged by the Tulsa Evangelistic Advance Committee headed by Hallie Gantz, minister of the First Christian Church. Margaret Applegarth of New York and Helen Spaulding of Chicago were the women members of the preaching mission. Others were: Spencer Austin, Indianapolis; Albert Sharkey, Houston; John G. Ramsey, Atlanta; James Clarke, St. Louis; George Kelsey, New York and George L. Cross, Norman, Oklahoma. Featuring the close of each mass meeting was a musical meditation based on the hymn "Near to the Heart of God" directed by Rev. J. T. Morrow, executive secretary of the Tulsa Council of Churches.

DENVER'S CENSUS

Every community has been urged to make a city-wide church census as one of the most worthwhile undertakings. The tremendous scope of such a task is indicated by a partial report from the Denver Council of Churches. It had been estimated that a complete census would require 150 churches each recruiting 15 per cent of their membership as census takers. This goal was not achieved but on October 9, when the census was taken 4,000 census takers made 72,500 calls! They registered 21,000 persons of Protestant preference not affiliated with any parish; They listed also 95,500 members of Denver Protestant churches, and 38,536 non-Protestants. A total of 9,352 had no religious preference and 1,965 declined to give any information.

The "Church of Christ" Has 44 New Members

The Church of Christ at Napanoch, N. Y., has 44 new members. Napanoch is a small town in the Catskills, but the Church of Christ is not a small community church where families come to worship; it is an undenominational church in New York State's institution for male defective delinquents. The new members were taken in at the closing service of the annual Preaching Mission there.

For five successive years now, Rev. George Schnabel, pastor of the Albright Memorial Church (Evangelical United Brethren) of Washington, D. C., has gone to Napanoch to conduct a preaching mission under the auspices of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

After one of the services a month ago, a guard stopped him on his way out of the building. "Dr. Schnabel," he said, "This mission is the greatest thing that happens in this institution."

What it means to the inmates themselves was summed up by one man who said, "I am not afraid any more. I feel I have Someone with me all the time to help me."

Resident chaplain Francis E. McGuire reports that the man's conduct has been above reproach since he gave himself to Christ, and that he intends to continue living for God when he is paroled, helping others "to get on the right road."

At a recent program put on by inmates for visiting staff members of another state institution, one of the speakers was a man who had joined the church during the mission. He read a poem and an essay he had composed himself, and told what "finding religion" had meant in helping him straighten out his life.

The visiting Protestant chaplain listened quietly and commented, "This is like an old-fashioned testimony meeting."

Chaplain McGuire reports that the Church of Christ now has 175 members. Since the preaching missions began, 267 men have been received into the church, he says, and many of them have gone out on parole and made good.

Of the most recent mission he says, "It was evident there was an intense earnestness, an enthusiastic participation in the services. The singing was with spirit, and at the conclusion of the prayers, amens could be heard in

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE COMMITTEE IN F.C.C.

Dr. John R. Mott announced on November 1 that the Federal Council of Churches had agreed to take over the work of the Committee for Religious Tolerance, Inc.

The Committee was organized and incorporated on July 6, 1946, to study and promote religious understanding and tolerance, looking toward the correction of such situations and conditions as undermine these needed and desirable ends.

This general policy will be continued by the Committee "within the wider framework of the Federal Council of Churches."

Dr. Mott has presented his resignation as chairman, because of frequent absences from the country, and Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody has been elected his successor. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin is secretary-treasurer of the Committee; Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, recording secretary. Other members of the Committee are Mr. August Heckscher, Dr. Frederick R. Knubel, Dr. John A. Mackay, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Dr. Luther A. Weigle.

RELIGIOUS FILM AVAILABLE

"Into the Good Ground"—the new Presbyterian film on the Bible referred to in the October issue of the BULLETIN, had its world premiere at the International Film Festival in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

More than 100 copies are being used intensively for a Bible emphasis program by the Presbyterian churches, but it is entirely undenominational in character. The running time is 30 minutes and the rental is \$10.00.

The film is being distributed by the Religious Film Association, 45 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y.

all parts of the auditorium. There was a real hunger to hear the Gospel. The spiritual results are beyond computation."

The prison superintendent, Thomas J. Hanlon appraises the results from a different angle.

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CROP TRAINS ROLLING

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"Of the 50 now receiving milk 20 are motherless and surely would not have lived if it had not been for this milk," writes Esther Laird, of the Methodist Mission in Korea.

The program has received warm support from such international and national figures as Paul Hoffman of the ECA; Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations; Charles F. Brannan, secretary of agriculture and many others.

Through Church World Service it has the support of 22 Protestant and Orthodox churches.

Lay Groundwork for Detroit Conference

WHEN the delegates appointed by the denominations meet at the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life in February, they will have the benefit of the efforts of four committees which will have been working over a period of several months. These committees are making ready papers on which the discussion at this Conference will be based. They have already met once or twice and the documents are well advanced in preparation. Each delegate will receive the papers prior to the Conference.

The theme of this Conference is "The Responsibility of Christians in an Interdependent Economic Order." It will build upon the strong affirmation of the earlier conference in Pittsburgh. At that time the church delegates vigorously affirmed that churches and Christian people do have a responsibility for economic life. The delegates at the Detroit Conference Feb. 16-19 will study, explore and report on areas in economic life which are the churches' responsibility.

These areas, while broad, nevertheless involve important issues that confront church people at the community, national and international levels. These Agenda Topics, together with the chairmen of the respective preparatory committees follow:

Topic A—The Individual: Conflicting Motives and Claims. Chair-

man, Edward L. Cushman, director, Institute of Industrial Relations, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan

Topic B:—Organized Groups: Freedom of Enterprise and Social Controls. Chairman, Justin Wroe Nixon, professor of Christian theology and ethics, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York

Topic C—The World: The American Economy in Relation to World Needs and Resources. Chairman, William Adams Brown, Jr., economist, Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C.

Topic D—The Churches: Their Program in Relation to Economic Life. Chairman, Clair K. Searles, dean, School of Business Administration, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.

The delegates will be divided into some six discussion groups each of which will concentrate on one of these topics. In addition, the Conference will have before it a statement which will embody an affirmation of the Christian concern and a call to action in regard to economic life. This is being prepared under the leadership of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

SUPPLIES THE ANSWERS

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The churches themselves control their own policies and decide what action they will take on the information sent by the Washington Office. The office reports on governmental developments without making recommendations to the churches.

Miss Blair is a native of Missouri. She was educated at the University of Kansas (journalism major), the Columbia College of Speech and Drama, Chicago, and the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

She had seven years' experience in teaching school in Kansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Illinois, and did teaching

and social work for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and R. R. Company.

She was minister's assistant at the Central Congregational Church, Topeka, for five years.

During the war, she served as analyst in the Office of Strategic Services and as a secretary in the Signal Corps.

Among other activities Miss Blair lists: church youth activities, Sunday school teaching, directing community recreation projects, coaching amateur dramatics, writing feature articles for the *Kansas City Star*, and a weekly column for a county newspaper.

Miss Blair has been assistant to Dr. Benson Y. Landis, the Secretary of the Washington Office, since 1945. She was elected assistant secretary Sept. 20, 1949.

Pastoral Services Holds Fall Session

Dr. Rollo May's report on a study of anxiety was a feature of the autumn meeting of the Federal Council's Department of Pastoral Services, held on November 1 at the Riverside Church, New York.

This was the first public report on Professor May's five-year study of anxiety, which is described as "a continuing chronic state or readiness to be worried or afraid." It was discussed from the theological point of view by Professor Paul Tillich of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

At the evening session Dr. Milton I. Levine, assistant professor of pediatrics at Cornell University-New York Hospital Medical Center, discussed "Pediatrics and the Church."

The meeting was attended by between 40 and 50 members of the Department of Pastoral Services and its Commission on Religion and Health and faculty members of the General Theological Seminary, New York.

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NEW MEXICO PLANS COUNCIL

Establishment of a State Council of Churches was deferred for a year at a state pastors' convocation held last month in Albuquerque. Five denominations have decided to join and an effort will be made to secure the participation of other churches.

A pastors' continuing committee to study plans and report back at a later date was appointed. Speakers included Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches.

THE CHURCHES' CHALLENGE

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accomplished as the Church relates itself to the schools, the farm organizations, the labor unions, the parents' clubs and other agencies."

Similar closer ties to the communities' activities were recommended in a report on mining areas, which observed that, "in view of the limited and antiquated church program, we believe that a life-centered and all-inclusive program should be offered through the settlement house type of ministry." Worship services and Sunday schools need to be "supplemented by a pro-

gram that touches every phase of a person's life," the report declared.

Group and settlement house types of ministries were also recommended for the cotton-growing areas of the South, the mountain regions and the cut-over timberlands.

A hopeful note on the quality of the rural ministry was added, however, by Dr. Elliott Fisher, associate secretary of the home missions division of the Methodist Church.

Rural clergymen, Dr. Fisher said, should get over "their inferiority complex," and realize that they are "the best trained and equipped clergymen in the history of the nation."

"Working with all the forces of the community and facing all of the economic and social problems of rural life, the rural minister," Dr. Fisher said, "is building slowly but surely the Kingdom of God in the countryside."

These ministers, he said, offer the kind of leadership "we have long been praying for."

"I have seen them take water, soil and men—spiritualize these forces—and from them develop Christian communities. This is evangelism with a purpose: cooperating communities with the Cross at the center."

The annual convocation was arranged by the Committee on Town and Country, of which Dr. Benson V. Landis is executive secretary, and Rev. Don F. Pielstick is associate secretary.

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WORLD COUNCIL OFFERS THREE STUDY OUTLINES

Three study outlines have just been published by the Study Department of the World Council of Churches. The titles are "The Bible and the Church's Message," "Evangelization of Modern Man in Mass Society," and "Christian Action in Society."

These outlines have been sent to the member-churches of the World Council and to the interdenominational agencies cooperating in the Conference of USA Member Churches, for possible use in their programs.

The "starting point" of the study outline on the Bible is to "try to define the Biblical basis for our testimony in the world. What is God's will about the status of man in his work and vocation and in society, about justice on earth and similar burning problems? How are we to transmit this message to the modern man and his problems?"

The general purpose of the study of evangelization of modern man in mass society, in view of the fact that the Church is finding itself progressively less at home in the developing industrial society of the present day, is to learn whether "the Church has any special witness to give and any special word of guidance to speak to those involved in this problem."

Bishop Oxnam Gave The Hoover Lectures

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, former president of the Federal Council and co-president of the World Council, gave the Hoover Lectures on Christian Unity, November 14-17, at the University of Chicago. The general theme of the four lectures was "That They All May Be One: Problems in Securing the Blessings of Unity."

The William Henry Hoover Lecture-ship of the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago was established in 1945.

Previous Hoover lecture series have been given by Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Episcopal bishop of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Walter Marshall Horton, of the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. Both series were published by Harper.

SEMINARY STUDENTS WILL MEET AT ROCK ISLAND

Each of the nation's 150 theological seminaries has been invited to send delegates to the second Triennial Interseminary Conference of North America.

The conference will be held December 27-January 1, 1950, at Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill. More than 1,000 seminarians are expected to attend.

The theme discussed will be "The Vocation of the Minister: Our Responsibility for the Christian World Mission."

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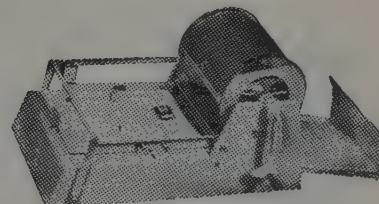
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The Indianapolis meeting, held in cooperation with the Church Federation of Indianapolis and the Indiana Council of Churches, attracted 70 selected church leaders from Indiana cities.

Prof. Ross Snyder of Chicago Theological Seminary, presented plans for the Worship Workshop to be held at Andover Newton Theological School, in June, 1950, under the auspices of the Commission.

The commission's chairman, Dr. Hampton Adams of St. Louis presided at the semi-annual meeting. Rev. Deane Edwards is the executive secretary.

ISSUE THREE PAMPHLETS TO AID ECONOMIC STUDY

Looking forward to Church and Economic Life Week, January 15-21, and the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life, in Detroit, February 16-19, the Department of the Church and Economic Life has prepared three pamphlets:

Economic Life—U. S. A.—A Brief Description of What It Is and How

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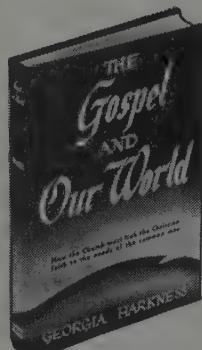
The Protestant Church and the Middle Class, by Waldo Beach, asso-

ciate professor of Christian Ethics at Duke University Divinity School. A reprint from *Social Action* of March 1949. Analyzes the weaknesses and strength resulting from "the apparently blissful marriage between the Protestant Church and the middle class" and suggests problems for discussion by groups which seek "to awaken from this middle-class complacency and parochialism." 12 pages, 10 cents per copy.

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Hon. Norman Makin, Ambassador of Australia to the United States and currently chief of the Australian Mission to the U. N. General Assembly, the Very Rev. Dr. Robert W. Macaulay, special adviser to the Australian Mission on matters affecting the concerns of religious groups, and other members of the Mission's staff were guests at an informal luncheon, tendered by the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill in New York, Nov. 7. Dr. Walter W. VanKirk served as host.

Tribute was paid to the fine leadership and support given by Australian leaders to the principles of the Charter in the deliberations of the United Nations, as well as to the significance of fellowship between Australian and American churchmen. Mr. Makin and Dr. Macaulay responded with brief addresses on moral problems confronting the United Nations and the related concerns of the Australian churches.

Dr. Macaulay, pastor of Trinity Church in Melbourne and former moderator general of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, is on leave to serve as special adviser to the Australian U. N. delegation to the General Assembly. He is chosen, not by the churches, but by the government, to keep the mission informed of the views of the various religious groups in Australia. As Dr. Evatt, Australian foreign minister, has stated, "Australia is the first member of the United Nations to adopt this practice." The Australian government, which initiated this procedure last year, has decided to continue the practice. Advisors will be chosen in turn from the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Free Churches. In 1943 Dr. Macaulay participated in the International Round Table at Princeton, under the auspices of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace.

RADIO PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

SUNDAYS—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "National Radio Pulpit" WNBC and Network—10:00-10:30 A.M. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, "National Vespers" WJZ and Network—1:30-2:00 P.M. "Radio Chapel" Dr. Robert J. McCracken WOR (not network) 9:30-10:00 A.M. Month of December.

MONDAYS—Dr. Arthur Acy Rouner, "Gems for Thought" ABC network 8:45-8:50 A.M. WJZ local 8:55-9:00 A.M. WJZ and Network 11:30-11:35 P.M. Rev. George H. Parker, "Faith in Our Time" 10:15-10:30 A.M. network only (not WOR).

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One of the chief values of the book is that it comes out of a practical experience and not from the "ivory tower" of a secluded scholar. The writer states in the introduction, "This book was written to finish a conversation."

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We feel that this book should be on the shelf of every religious leader, and particularly the local pastor who almost daily comes into contact with some form of prejudice.

The reviewer had the privilege at one time of serving with Rabbi Fineberg on a community survey. This gave him an opportunity to learn at first hand the careful approach and scholarly interest in the subject about which the author writes. In spite of the many books in this particular field, we trust that "Punishment without Crime" will have a wide distribution.

B.M.B.

Roman Catholicism and Vital Issues

By GEORGE A. CRAPULLO, 73-60 194th Street, Flushing 50, N. Y. 50 cents.

The author's method is first, to present four or five pages of brief quota-

tions from responsible Roman Catholic authorities with regard to each subject under discussion and then to add a few pages of comment concerning the issues indicated in the quotations. In this manner he treats the Roman Catholic conception of the true Church, the relation of the Church to the public school, the separation of Church and State, the question of mixed marriages, the meaning and practice of religious liberty, and policy concerning the censorship of publications.

It is no disparagement of the author's comments to say that the quotations from Roman Catholic sources are the most valuable part of the book. They are from such significant sources and are so pertinent that the average reader will be grateful at finding definitions of the Catholic position in such brief and convenient form.

The author is concerned primarily with the policies of the Roman Catholic Church with regard to social and political issues rather than with Catholic piety or theology. His treatment will be useful to those who do not have the time for more lengthy and detailed studies.

S.M.C.

These Also Believe

By CHARLES S. BRADEN. The Macmillan Company, 1949, \$6.00.

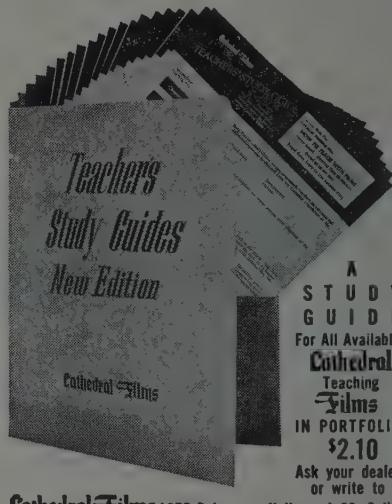
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Thus Dr. Braden of Northwestern University sums up a group of the thirteen important movements he describes in thorough chapters. The subtitle of the book is "A Study of Modern Cults and Minority Religious Movements in America." The work is opened with over 75 pages on Father Divine. There are presentations of

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democracy Through discussion

BY BRUNO LASKER. The H. W. Wilson Company, 1949, \$3.50.

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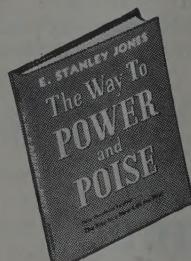


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DECEMBER, 1949

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